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A recommendation expected by President Reagan's MX missile panel to deploy the rockets in newly hardened Minuteman silos can get congressional approval if accompanied by a meaningful new arms control proposal, Rep. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., said Sunday.

Gore, a congressional arms control expert and member of the House Intelligence Committee, has been pushing the idea of a U.S.-Soviet agreement to limit their missiles to one nuclear warhead each.

He said the president's commission, which is supposed to report next week on ways to base the MX missile, may incorporate the single-warhead idea "in order to achieve a long-range objective to eliminate the advantages associated with a first strike ... and remove the fear of a first strike."

News reports have indicated the panel may recommend putting 100 MXs in existing slots housing Minuteman missiles and reinforcing the silos.

"One-hundred MXs by themselves will not get much support on Capitol Hill, particularly in Minuteman silos," Gore said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"But if the proposal is accompanied by a meaningful new arms control proposal ... a shift toward single-warhead missiles, and if the president speaks persuasively ... then I think there is a real chance the proposal will pass on Capitol Hill."

Gore said that although Reagan's record of opposition to arms control treaties and the disarray within the arms control agency does not inspire confidence, he believes the administration has a commitment to reducing nuclear weapons.

He also said the <sup>tion</sup>administration is prepared to charge the Soviet Union with violating the SALT II treaty and the nuclear test ban treaty and that the Soviets' testing of a new missile in February is "a serious development and we cannot ignore it."

On another subject, Gore said the House and Senate Intelligence Committees this week will begin pressing the CIA for stronger assurances that it is not violating a new law prohibiting the attempted overthrow of the Nicaraguan government.

The law bars the use of funds for "the purpose" of overthrowing the leftist Sandinista regime, but the purposes behind CIA activities in Central America are subject to different interpretations, he said.

"Some of the reports in the media give reason to question whether that law is being abided by either in letter or in spirit," Gore said.